

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor The Crabb Family, on the occasion of their farewell tour.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor and salute those artists who, through their extraordinary talents, bring exceptional entertainment to the good people of Tennessee and celebrate its rich musical traditions; and

WHEREAS, our region is renowned for producing many outstanding Southern Gospel groups who have lifted their voices to praise and glorify God and spread the Gospel's message through song; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable singing group is The Crabb Family, who have been singing and recording Gospel music for nearly ten years; and

WHEREAS, from a church in rural Kentucky to an annual concert audience of 800,000, the Crabb Family has managed to break through musical genre barriers to bring people from all walks of life the message of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, the Crabb Family reaches a vast concert audience, with their schedule leading them from the Grand Ole' Opry to a Contemporary Christian Festival in South Dakota and everything in between; and

WHEREAS, while their roots are primarily Southern Gospel, the Crabb Family's latest recording, *Blur The Lines*, draws from a variety of styles and genres; and

WHEREAS, despite their rapid and amazing success, the Crabb Family remains devoted to the calling and purpose on which their ministry was founded; siblings Jason, Kelly, Adam, Aaron, and Terah share a common desire to reach the lost. Unhindered by opinions or the limitations of others, the Crabb Family is willing to accept any challenge that comes their way; and

WHEREAS, the Crabb Family's remarkable accomplishments include four *Dove Awards* in 2005; two *Grammy* nominations for Best Southern, Bluegrass, or Country Gospel Album; fifteen Number 1 songs on national radio charts; performances at the 2005 and 2006 *Dove Awards* and 2003 and 2004 *Seminar in the Rockies*; regular appearances on the *Grand Ole Opry* and *TBN*; recognition as one of the *25 Most Important Artists Shaping Christian Music Today* by *CCM Magazine*; and an appearance at Carnegie Hall; and

WHEREAS, for more than 10 years, Jason, Terah, Adam, Kelly, and Aaron, known collectively as the Crabb Family, have sung the Gospel around the world and, in August of 2006, decided to say farewell. The siblings feel it is time to move to a new season in their lives and are anticipating what God has in store for all of their ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Crabb Family is currently on tour, thanking their fans for their unwavering support over the past ten years; their last day as a group will fall on August 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, through their enthusiasm, sincerity, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, the Crabb Family has effectively and fervently communicated the good news of the Gospel to the multitudes more than ten years, an accomplishment deserving of the recognition of this state; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Crabb Family exemplify the spirit and allegiance to family, community, and God that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize the bountiful talents and good works of these exceptional performers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the members of the Crabb Family and their tremendous success as Gospel singers, commend their service to citizens of the State of Tennessee, and wish them every success during their Farewell Tour and in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

